Targets set for NMEP

4827. SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for the National Malaria Eradication Programme during the last five years; year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the targets were achieved; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not achieving the targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Under the National Anti Malaria Programme (NAMP), the States are expected to screen 10% of population for malaria annually through active and passive surveillance of fever cases by examining blood slides to achieve Annual Blood Examination Rate (ABER) of 10 with an objective of reducing morbidity and mortality due to Malaria by implementing the programme effectively. 12 States and Union Territories have reported ABER less than 10% during the last five years Operational problems due to difficult terrain and vacancies of laboratory technicians and Multipurpose Health Workers for collection of blood slides are some of the reasons for not achieving the targets. Further, some States are low endemic for malaria and proportionately less population is expected to be screened.

Hassle-free services in Govemment hospitals

4828. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Parliamentary Committee has come down strongly on Govemment for not taking adequate measures to provide hassle-free services in Govemment hospitals;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has suggested several measures to rectify the situation;

(c) if so, whether the Committee has called for more effective monitoring and surprise inspections by authorities at the top level; and

(d) if so, to what extent Govemment have accepted these recommen dations?